

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS


Claims 38-65 have been examined. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indicated allowability of dependent claims 45-50. Independent claim 60 has been amended to include all limitations of dependent claim 45. Thus, it is believed that claim 60 as well as claims 38-44 and 46-51, dependent thereon, are now in condition for allowance. All other claims have been canceled without prejudice to refiling claims of a similar scope in a related application. Re-examination and reconsideration of the claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

As a final matter, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's acknowledgement and consideration of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements filed herewith as well as on April 8, 2004.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,


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